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MAGAZINE: please send all contributions to the Editor

Feb/Mar	magazine	copy deadline	Jan 29 th
April/May	magazine	copy deadline	March 19 th
June/July	magazine	copy deadline	May 21 st
Aug/Sept	magazine	copy deadline	July 23 rd
Oct/Nov	magazine	copy deadline	Sept 17 th
Dec/Jan	magazine	copy deadline	Nov 19 th

MEMBERSHIPS

Run from
1st Sept to 31st Aug.

Membership form at
back of newsletter.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our club is moving full steam ahead towards the Over 100 years of Field Trialing celebrations to be held on the first weekend in July.

It will be a fabulous weekend of dogs and fellowship. I strongly encourage you to put this weekend in your diary and come along and help celebrate this momentous occasion.

For those of you who enjoy showing your dogs or would like to go and see an excellent dog show, then the VGC Open Show is on the 17th July. What a busy month July will be.

The rains of a couple of weeks ago, that brought devastation to parts of Victoria, has had a wonderful knock-on effect in bringing the paddocks back to life. Green grass is sprouting and young rabbits are appearing again which promises a good season for those who go afield with their dogs.

The reports from my Farming friends are of patches of quail, but the patches are far between. Hopefully some good follow up rain will bring the birds in and we will have a great Trial season.

We have a full card of Field Trials with something for everyone. Whether your liking is Retrievers, Pointers, Setters, Utility dogs or Spaniels the VGC has Trials for all the disciplines.

Why not come along and see what we make all the fuss about. A day in the field with your chosen breed is always a wonderful day and you will be treated to a spectacle that few people have the opportunity to witness; and it's free!

Highly trained dogs thriving on the work they were designed for. It is a wonderful day out amongst the company of true dog people.

Please feel free to give any of the committee members a call if you would like to attend any Field Trials and have a look. I can assure you that you will be made very welcome.

I always use Easter as the time to start to get out in the paddocks again. Normally by then the snakes have gone to ground and the weather is starting to cool down. I am looking forward to this shooting season as I intend to spend more time with my dogs enjoying what they do best.

I have a new Springer pup that I am keen to get started with, so while Mrs S and the offspring are chasing Foxes with the Barwon Hunt, I shall have plenty of time to get out and about.

Well that's the theory anyway!!

Stephen Sapsead

REMINDER!!!

Schedules for the Victorian Gundog Club Utility Gundog Field Trials on May 1st / 2nd and the Pointer & Setter Field trials on May 15th / 16th appear in our last newsletter AND full schedules are also available on our Club website <http://victoriangundogclub.com>

Closing date for the Utility Gundog trials is April 23rd and for the Pointer & Setter trials May 7th – NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Editor's Scribble

Already we are almost 1/3 of the way through 2010! Time has flown along at a great pace for the start of this year.

We have a lot of great events to note in our diaries for the year – please check our Club's website regularly. Field, Retrieving and Show schedules are listed as they become available and watch the NEWS page for upcoming events.

The weekend of 3rd/4th July will be a big celebration for our Club – please see further information on the next page regarding our celebrations of over 100 years of Gundog Trials.

For our 'showy' members – the Sydney Easter Royal is just around the corner. I will be travelling up for the Royal and the NSW Weimaraner Championship shows. I always enjoy the chance to catch up with interstate Wei owners and breeders and see what younger stock is coming along.

Our internet delivery of our last newsletter worked very well and I only received a couple of emails from people asking to swap them back to the snail mail list – I was rather happy with this.

Enjoy this newsletter and remember to fill in your diary dates!

Lee

OUR COVER DOG

On our cover is JB – Ch Hubertus Yahoo Cs Royal. He is owned by Agnes Pali and at 3 ½ years of age is well on his way to his Aust Grand Championship Title. JB has won 6 Royal CC's and 3 Royal Best of Breeds.

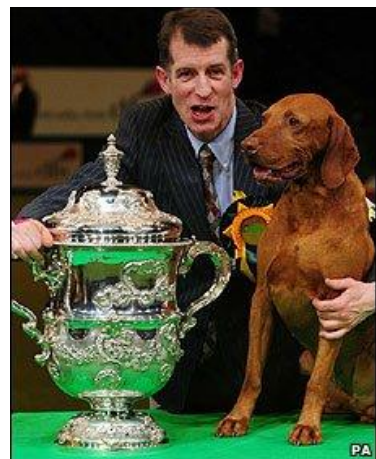
(s: Grand Ch Hubertus Our Royal Flush d: Grand Ch Hubertus Electic Dreams)

TOP RIGHT is MADI – Dual Ch (F), Nat Fld Tr Ch Hubertus Pannoniai Ekes (IID) NRD She is owned by Gary Ponzio and Agnes Pali and is 7 ½ years of age. Madi is the first Vizsla to win The National Field Trial Championship – 20/21 June 2009. At the trial was 14 entries – 12 GSP's, 1 Brittany and 1 Vizsla. Judge was Mr D Blacker. Madi was imported In Dam from Hungary – another first for the Vizsla breed.

(s: Int Ch, Ft Ch, Hun Grand Ch Luppa Vadasz Ficko (Hun) d: Aust Ch, Ft Ch, Hun Grand Ch Csokolandy Dorka of Hubertus (Imp Hun))

BELOW RIGHT is YOGI – Aust Ch, Eng Show Ch Hungargunn Bear It'n Mind. At 7 ½ years of age Yogi recently won Best In Show at Crufts 2010. He is owned by N. Cragg & K. Armstrong and is sired by Agnes' dog Grand Ch Hubertus Dealers Choice and his dam is Ch Hungargunn Unforgettable. Another great first for the Vizslab breed – Yogi beat nearly 22,000 dogs across 187 breeds to gain this amazing win.

Agnes Pali's kennel HUBERTUS was number 1 Vizsla breeder in Australia for 2008 and 2009 (DOL pointscore). She has been dedicated to the breed since 1973 in Hungary and since 1986 in Australia. Agnes has imported many HV's which she believes helps to keep the furtherment of the breed insight. Her exports have won World Champion, Europe Champion titles and 22 International Champion titles. Agnes has bred 15 Grand Champions and over 217 titled progeny in Australia in all Disciplines.



CELEBRATE OVER 100 YEARS OF GUNDOG TRIALS

COME AND SPEND A WEEKEND AT SEASPRAY WITH THE VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB

The Victorian Gundog fraternity is celebrating over one hundred years of gundog field trials in Australia this year over the weekend of 3rd and 4th July. The Victorian Gundog Club Inc will be hosting gundog trials and a Centenary Dinner over the weekend. We would like to invite you all to come along and spend a weekend at Seaspray and Sale and help us celebrate this wonderful milestone.

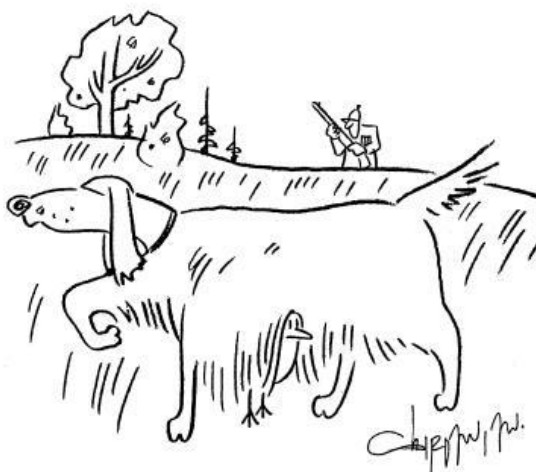
On Saturday July 3rd at Sentosa Game Reserve near Sale, there will be a dog match between Pointers, Setters and Utility Gundogs, and a Retrieving Trials on a nearby property. A Centenary dinner will be on the Saturday evening at the Seaspray Surf Lifesaving Club.

Sunday will be a more relaxed day with various activities on offer including pheasant shooting, surf fishing, dog training, beach combing or just plain relaxing with friends.

The first sporting dog field trial in Australia took place at the Exhibition Grounds in Melbourne on 13th and 14th June 1902, under the auspices of the Victorian Poultry and Kennel Club. It was held in conjunction with their Grand Annual Show, and attracted a great deal of interest. The Exhibition Grounds were covered with grass and tussocks for the occasion. The winner was Mr. E. Moran's pointer bitch Altona Juno, with the runner-up Mr. C. Hutton's pointer dog Bland. The trials became an annual event, and from 1903 were held in an open field rather than in the confines of the arena .

The first club to concentrate on field trials was the Sporting Dog Club, formed in 1923. Other clubs followed, including the Victorian Gundog Club about 10 years later. These early trials featured only pointers and setters, but other gundog breeds, including spaniels, retrievers and utility gundogs, were later included.

For a flyer outlining all the activities on offer for both competitors and spectators and accommodation alternatives, please email the Convener of the organising committee Gordon Strachan (stracho@bigpond.net.au) or the trial secretary of the Retrieving Trial Margaret Hall (bambillaylabs@optusnet.com.au).



LAUGH STOP

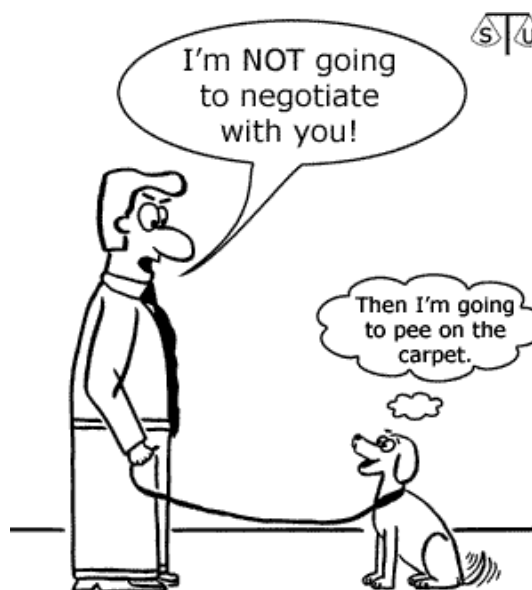
NAP TIME ...

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'



NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

\$30	front cover – offered to VGC members only (color)
\$20	inside front cover – offered to all (color) **
\$15	full page b & w – members
\$10	½ page b & w – members
\$20	full page b & w – non members
\$15	½ page b & w – non members

Front cover will operate on 'first in' basis and will allow for a ¼ page 'front cover' note within the magazine. Please contact the editor (Lee Petering) for advertising enquiries.

*** note that precedence for inside front cover is given to VGC show and trial winners and is not available every month ***

RECIPE FILE ...

A couple of magazines ago I said that we would do a reprint of 'A Slice is Nice'. Well we plan to do just that and have it available for sale later this year.

I thought that we could add some member's favorite recipes also so I'm going to start the contributions off with the recipe for BEEF BOURGUIGNON WITH PARMESAN DUMPLINGS.

This is a winter family favorite for us – I don't always stay 100% on track with the recipe and it is so easy, fairly fast to prepare and delicious! It freezes brilliantly and left-overs can even be used as a toasted sandwich filling.

Lee

Serves: 6 Prep: 20 min Cooking: 2hrs 35min

CASSEROLE

1/3 cup plain flour
750g beef topside cut into chunks
2 tsp olive oil
12 shallots peeled (or sliced mushrooms)
4 carrots, peeled and cut into thick slices
500g small button mushrooms (or a can of small mushrooms)
1 cup red wine
2 cups beef stock
1 . 400g can diced tomatoes
3 dried bay leaves
6 sprigs thyme
1/3 cup tomato paste

DUMPLINGS

2 cups self-raising flour
20g reduced-fat dairy spread
2 tbs shredded parmesan
2 tbs finely chopped fresh parsley
¾ no-fat milk

- Place flour in bowl and season with S & P (+ other spices if chosen) – add the beef and toss until coated, shake off excess flour
- Heat ½ oil in large casserole dish over medium heat, add half the beef and cook for 3-4 mins until browned. Transfer to a heatproof bowl and repeat with the remaining oil and beef.
- Add the shallots (or onions), carrots and mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 mins until tender. Add the beef, wine, stock, tomato, bay leaves and thyme to the dish. Stir to combine. Cover and simmer over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, for 2 hours or until beef is tender. Add the tomato paste and stir to combine.
- To make the dumplings – put flour and dairy spread into food processor and pulse on low to rub in butter (or do in a bowl). Add the parmesan and parsley and mix until well combined. Add milk and mix to combine. Divide the dough into portions – size will depend on whether you like large or small dumplings – we like BIG!
- Arrange dumplings over the casserole and cover for 15-20 minutes before serving.



"Beat 3,000 eggs and add a quart of 10-30W oil?
So much for putting my recipes on the computer."

Dog Recipes

Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups Whole Wheat Flour
- 1/2 cup Powdered milk
- 1/2 teaspoon EACH salt, garlic powder or granules *Omit Garlic if your dog is sensitive to it...SOME DOGS ARE.
- 6 Tablespoons Shorting or Meat Drippings
- 1 Egg, Beaten
- 1 teaspoon Brown Sugar, (or raw, or honey, or molasses)
- 1/2 cup Cold Water...(or make up broth of your choice and chill it down to mix in)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Combine flour, milk, salt, garlic and sugar. Cut in shorting till mix resembles corn meal (course grains). Mix in Egg, and add water enough to form a ball. Roll dough out 1/2inch thick (between 2 wax paper pieces is easiest). Cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet (for easier clean up line with foil...and grease that!)
3. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes.
4. To add for humans (bread sticks) grated parm cheese if you like and aren't allergic! You can also chill this dough a few hours or overnight if you want, sometimes makes it easier to roll, and also lets you finish up the next day if you have not time when you first mix them up.
5. The original recipe came from my dear friend Pam in CA and her beautiful dog Autumn. Items in Paren () are MY thoughts not the original. It has since been tested in PA on over 8 dogs who gave it a BIG PAWS UP!



"Believe me, pal...the magic's gone when she no longer scratches that part of your tummy that makes your leg kick up and down."

HUNTING DOGS

Hunting-dogs are a special breed of dogs that have been trained to support humans when they are hunting. They are extremely useful to humans because they can perform many tasks that are beneficial to people. They are especially useful to hunters during hunting expeditions; since they can help them find their prey. Hunting dogs come in various classifications such as: hounds, gun dogs, terriers and curs.

Hounds - Hounds are grouped into sight hounds and scent hounds.

Sight hounds specialize in tracking down their prey by keeping them in their sight. They are experts when it comes to detecting movement because they have great vision.

Characteristically, they have long legs, ears that have small flaps, and a very powerful cardiovascular system. They are extremely agile, which is advantageous since they have to chase fast animals on the run.

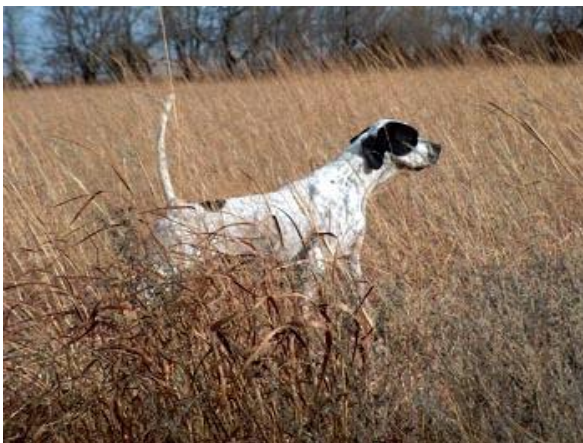
Scent hounds - Are hounds that hunt using their sense of smell to track their prey. They have larger nasal cavities which helps them follow the scent of the killed or wounded animals, or fallen prey. These hunting dogs are trained to perform these tasks starting when they are just pups.

Some hunters train their hunting dogs to follow scent by familiarizing them with the scent of the blood of the prey. They leave a trail of blood that leads to a piece of meat on the field and let it sit out for a while: then they instruct their hunting dogs to track down the scent of blood. When the hunting dogs have found the end of the trail they are rewarded by signs of affection and praised by their master. The purpose of this training is to familiarize the dog with trailing the blood and the scent of a fallen game so they will be ready when it comes time to go on a real hunting expedition.

Gun Dogs - Are hunting-dogs that help their master retrieve their shot game, including birds. They are also sometimes called: bird dogs.

Terrier - This is a type of dog that was originally bred for the purpose of hunting and slaying vermin.

Curs - This is the term usually used for dogs that are not purebred and is often deemed derogatory. But cur also applies to the types of hunting dogs that have been developed in the United States for the purposes of assisting in hunting. They are known for their great hunting skills and abilities.





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THE HUNGARIAN VIZSLA CLUB OF VICTORIA Inc

8th ENDURANCE TEST

KCC PARK, WESTERNPORT HWY, SKYE 3977

SATURDAY MAY 29, 2010

Entries and enquiries to the Trial Secretary:

Jenni Strachan
4 Danbec Crt
Lysterfield 3156
03 9752 7266

Cheques to the Hungarian Vizsla Club of Victoria Inc

Judge: Ms Rebecca Sloan [V]

Entry Fee: \$30.00

[includes catalogue, breakfast & drinks during rest breaks]

The Endurance Test is open to all breeds of dog that are VCA registered and whose owners are VCA members. All handlers, if not the owner of the dogs, must also be members of the VCA. Dogs must be over 2 years of age and no older than 8 years of age.

Check in: 6.30am to 7.45am

Judging Time: Commences at 8.00am sharp

Handlers may cycle or jog.

Cyclists must wear helmets.

Dogs must compete wearing fixed collars or harness, no chains.

Please include stamped self addressed envelope for return of Veterinary certificate.

Please indicate on entry form if you will be cycling or running.

Refer to ANKC Rules for Conduct of Endurance Tests:

available from Trial Secretary or download from:

www.ankc.aust.com

Regulations Part 12

Sashes awarded

The club reserves the right to substitute or add another judge.



THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF VICTORIA

**OPEN ENDURANCE TEST
Saturday 12th JUNE 2010**

**SPRINGERS LEISURE CENTRE, (Tatterson Park)
400 Cheltenham Rd, Keysborough Melways: 89 A10**

ENTRIES CLOSE Wed 26th May 2010

Judges : Rebecca Sloan (Group 1) & MICHAEL STUART (Group 2)
(Club reserves the right to cancel a judge if the entry is less than 30.)

Check in: 8am Group 1 sharp ! 8.30 Group 2 Sharp!

Judging Time: Riding Commences at 9:00am sharp! Second group 9:30am

Entries (on show or performance entry form), with cheque to
Maria Nethercott
P.O.Box 551 Wonthaggi 3995
5678 7035 (no calls after 9 pm)
Text 0424035544 email secretary@dalmatian.asn.au

Entry fee: \$28.00 (Cheques to THE DALMATIAN CLUB OF VIC INC.)
(includes catalogue, refreshments & sausage sizzle at conclusion)

The Endurance Test is open to all breeds of dog registered with VCA, whose owners are VCA members. All handlers must be members of the VCA. Dogs must be over 2 years of age and no older than 8 years of age. Handlers may cycle or jog (please indicate on entry form). Cyclists must wear helmets Dogs must compete wearing fixed collars or harness, no correction chains.

Your dog must be inspected by YOUR VET in the 2 weeks immediately prior to the ET

Fully completed Vet Check form is to be brought with you and handed to vetting team on the day.

Your Dog will not be permitted to compete unless form is completed within two weeks of the trial ie NOT before 29th May.

Entry form & Vet Check form can be downloaded at www.dalmatian.asn
If you require one sent to you please include a self addressed envelope with your entry.

If you plan to RUN with your dog please note you will have to run at 10 km per hour speed for 2 hours. That is fast ... please check you can do this as dogs have had to pull out because their handler could not keep up the pace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ET COMPETITORS

Please acquaint yourself with ET Rules:

<http://www.ankc.org.au/Rules.aspx>

Disabled competitors

<http://www.vca.org.au/assets/otec%20disabled%20handlers.pdf>

Post a completed a **entry form** to Secretary DCOV P.O.Box 551, Wonthaggi 3995 by Wed. 26th May. If you intend to **RUN** with your dog please **CLEARLY INDICATE** on the entry form. If you have a disability please contact secretary to discuss any special considerations you require (secretary@dalmatian.asn.au or 0424035544 / 56787035)

Include a **cheque** (\$28 per dog) made out to Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc.

If you require a **Certificate of Soundness** to be posted include a self addressed envelope. You may download from DCOV **web page** dalmatian@asn.au

The certificate of soundness must be **completed by your vet** in the two weeks prior to the trial i.e. 29th May – 11th June. The vetting team will collect the completed form on the day. **If you fail to bring a completed certificate, your dog cannot compete.**

If you are running with your dog please note; you will be placed at the head of your group and you are expected to run at 10km per hour (for 2 hours). If you cannot maintain the pace, the judge will be forced to ask you to withdraw or disqualify your dog. Once you start to run you cannot change to using a bike. Please insure you can run 20km at 10 km per hour as several running competitors have withdrawn at our previous trials.

Please ensure you have a **helmet** if riding a bike, a **flat collar or harness** for your dog (no correction chains, no "halti" type appliances, no springer devises can be used). Have water bowl, snacks, drinks and tyre pump. If possible bring a spare bike incase of breakdown.

Please do not stray too far from vetting station, to ensure you can hear your call.

Please note there will be a willingness to work test prior to commencement of 20km run and **AFTER** a 15 min. rest (at the conclusion of the run) and final vet check.

Awarding of pass cards and rosettes will take place when the second group has completed the trial. If you cannot wait please furnish a self addressed A4 envelope with \$1.10 postage to secretary and I will send your card.

THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED FOR THE D C of VIC ET TRIAL.

DALMATION CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SOUNDNESS

To be completed within 2 weeks of trial.

REGISTERED NAME OF DOG

REGISTRATION No.

REGISTERED OWNER (must be a VCA OR EQUIVALENT member)

REGISTRATION No. OF OWNER

BREED: **Date of Birth** **Sex**

If female is she in whelp/season (**Bitches in whelp or in season are not to compete?**)

Weight **Temp** **Heart Rate**

Muscle Tone

Condition of pads

General health (please include any medical conditions which may impact on dog's ability to complete an endurance test)

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The above named dog is competing in an Endurance Test 12/6/10, which consists of, 20km trot with 15 min. breaks at 8km, 14km, & 20km. The dog will trot at 10km per hour. The dog will complete a short willingness to work test before and after the 20km. **The DCOV, veterinarian & VCA are not responsible for outcome of this test. The registered owner takes all responsibility with regard to the health & well-being of the dog.**

Registered owners Signature

Veterinarian (completing certificate of soundness)

Veterinarian Signature

Official Practice Stamp:

APRIL 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 VGC NOVICE FIELD TRIAL FOR U.G.
2 VGC OPEN FIELD TRIAL FOR U.G.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 VGC NOVICE F.T. FOR POINTERS & SETTERS
16 VGC OPEN F.T. FOR POINTERS & SETTERS	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24			27	28	29 H.V. Club ET TRIAL
30	31					



Until next time folks